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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case CM-2100

In the Matter of :
 US National Phase Entry :
 Under 35 USC 371 from :
 International Application of :
 Heinzman et al., :
 Int'l Application No. PCT/US00/10272 : Group Art Unit : N/A
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For Cleaning Compositions And Tablets :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the US National Phase, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete current claims 1-15 and replace with the new claims 16-29 below.

16. A cleaning composition or component thereof comprising a compressed clay component.

17. A tablet comprising an active ingredient and a compressed clay component.

18. A tablet, composition or component according to claim 16 obtainable by compressing a clay material to form a compressed clay component and subsequently incorporation of the compressed clay component in the tablet, cleaning composition or component.

19. A tablet, composition or component according to claim 16, wherein the clay component is obtained by compression of a clay material with a pressure of at least 10 MPa.

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